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SUBJECT: STATUS OF LASH ESPANA

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GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

1. LASH ESPANA OWNERS HAVE REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT THAT DESPITE GOG ASSURANCES THAT VESSEL WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEPART PIRAEUS (PARA 4, REFTEL A), AS OF 1800Z GOG HAD STILL NOT PERMITTED DEPARTURE, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF SOME CONTINUING PROBLEM CONCERNING VESSEL'S MANIFEST. GOG SEIZURE OF US FLAG VESSEL AND TURKEY-BOUND CARGO RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND TURKISH REACTION IS UNPREDICTABLE.

2. WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH GREEK RESPONSES REPORTED REFTEL A. YOU SHALL THEREFORE AGAIN APPROACH GOG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO URGE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF VESSEL AND RETURN OF CARGO WHOSE SEIZURE INCONSISTENT WITH GREEK-US RELATIONS.

3. FOR ANKARA - IF LASH ESPANA DEPARTS PIRAEUS WITHOUT SEIZED CARGO, OWNER'S CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR VESSEL TO PROCEED TO TURKISH DESTINATIONS (IZMIR AND ISTANBUL) AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. IF VESSEL DOES PROCEED TO TURKISH PORTS WITHOUT TURKISH MUNITIONS CARGO, WE WISH TO AVOID POSSIBLE ADVERSE GOT REACTION, SUCH AS SEIZURE OF VESSEL,

UPON GOT LEARNING OF ABSENCE OF MUNITIONS. IF ADVISED THAT VESSEL IS PROCEEDING TURKISH PORTS WITHOUT MUNITIONS, EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER PRECAUTIONS POSSIBLE TO FORESTALL SUCH GOT REACTION. INGERSOLL

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